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SUBJECT: CARAJAS IRON ORE PROJECT

1. THE BRITISH AMBASSADOR HERE MENTIONED TO ME ON JULY 23 THAT HE HAD BEEN TOLD BY A CVRD (COMPANHIA VALE DO RIO DOCE, THE GOB-OWNED MINERALS COMPANY) SOURCE THAT MINISTER OF MINES AND ENERGY UEKI HAD DISCUSSED LAST WEEK IN BONN THE QUESTION OF GERMAN PARTICIPATION IN THE CARAJAS IRON ORE PROJECT. THERE HAVE BEEN A COUPLE OF FLEETING REFERENCES IN BRAZILIAN PRESS COVERAGE OF THE VISIT OF UEKI AND PLANNING MINISTER REIS VELLOSO TO GERMANY TO DISCUSSIONS OF "IRON ORE." UEKI WAS ALSO QUOTED IN "O ESTADO DE SAO PAULO" AS HAVING SAID THAT GERMAN INVESTMENT (IN GENERAL) SHOULD BE GIVEN PREFERENCE.
2. SUCH DISCUSSIONS IF THEY DID TAKE PLACE WOULD REPRESENT THE FIRST INDICATION WE HAVE HEARD IN THE LAST YEAR ABOUT GERMAN INTEREST IN PARTIVIPATION IN THE THREE-BILLION-PLUS DOLLAR PROJECT. A YEAR-OLD US STEEL DOCUMENT REFERRED TO SUCH AN INTEREST.
3. LAST WEEK, FOR THE SECOND TIME IN THREE WEEKS, A SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO UEKI TOLD EMOFF THAT US STEEL - CVRD DISPUTES ON

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CARAJAS ARE CLOSER TO SOLUTION. THE STICKY HOLDING COMPANY

ISSUE, THE ASSISTANT CLAIMED, HAS BEEN SOLVED.
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